[WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Stock of Sugar

*143. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention have been drawn to a news-item which appeared in the Hindustan Times dated 5th February, 1994 captioned "Government's latest Sugar release policy causing havoc";

(b) whether it is a fact thatsince December, 1993, 85 percent of the available stock of sugar has already been released to only two sugar mills;

(c) if so, the names thereof and to which particular group they belong; and

(d) what is the available stock of sugar as on 1st Febryary, 1994 as against the stock during the corresponding period last year and in what manner the vast gap between the demand and supply particularly of "white Sugar" in the internal market, is going to be met by the Ministry ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned "Government Sugar release policy causing havoc" published in the Hindustan Times dated 4th February, 1994.

(b) No, sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The available stock of sugar as on 1-2-1994 was 42,45,455 tonnes, as against 57,70,245 tonnes on the corresponding date last year. The current 1993-94 crushing season is still on. The availability of sugar during the current season will depend on the current year's production.

Report of Punnayya Committee on Centrally Funded Universitires

*145. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH :
SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Justice K. Punnayya Committee on financing of the Centrally funded Universities has submitted its report;

(b) if so, what are the salient recommendations thereof;

(c) whether Government have accepted the report in totality;

(d) if not, what has not been accepted, by Government;

(e) whether it is fact that the recommendations of the Committee, if accepted, will empinge on the UGC Act and the Delhi University Act; and

(f) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

Justice K. Punnayya Committe, constituted by the University Grants Commission, has submitted its report to the Commission.

The Committee's recommendations cover various aspects of university administration. The salient recommendations are as follows :

(i) While universities should be encouraged to augment their resources, State or Government fund must continue to be an essential and mandatory requirement for support to higher education. The Government/State must contuinue to accept the major responsibility for funding the essential maintaince and development requirements of the universities.

(ii) Any additional resources generated by University/Institution may be kept in a separate fund to be utilised for furtherance of the objectives of the university/institution. The UGC may provide a matching grant as an incentive to universities generating additional resources.

(iii) The Unit Cost System of calculation of aligibility for grant should replace the existing Incremental System after the end of the current Five Year Plan.

(iv) The University Grants Commission must develop a system of presenting annually a set of selected information on